#### BREEDING A RACE OF IDIOTS. Intermarrying in Germany Reducing Mat-

rimony Almost to a National Curse. Matrimony in Cormany is a singular institution, says the Pittsburgh Dissaving station, whence they find their patch. There are so many restrictions, such a complement of formalities to be submitted to, that marriage is rather unpomilar than otherwise. The prevailing iden is to keep money in the family, and to attain this end the people, so sensible and level-headed in many respects, are willing to go any lengths. A man may even have for his wife his consin, his aunt, his stepmother and his glater-in-law combined he doesn't care so long as he has a hold on the money. The number of murriages uir ong first cousins is countless, and the results appalling. many idicis there are in the Fatherland I should not like to say. So that he may keep the money in his family t quite a common occurrence for an cacle to marry his niece; and a man will sometimes wed his brother's widow. In Bavaria it is legal for a boy to marry at fourteen and a girl at twelve. A soldier may not become a benedict until he has reached the age of thirty-a most unpopular condition. and one which causes very disagreeable consequences. I heard of a case of a man who married his first cousin. He had four children, one of whom became a leper and two of them idiots. Three committed suicide, the fourth married her first cousin and had an idiot child. In another family the result of an intermarriage between consins was two imbeelles out of three children; all three died young. In one district numbers of people with dreadfully swollen necks may be met. valleys of the Alps some of the most deformed idiots on earth are to be found. They are Cretins and live by begging, the hideousness of their looks bringing them in a good deal of money from the charitably disposed. And yet these poor creatures intermarry and spread the scourge. The marriage knot does not require any great effort in breaking it in Germany Chronic mutual dislike and incompati-

#### IN HAPPY PARAGUAY.

bility of temper are sufficient reasons

The Women Are Lithe and Graceful and Wear White Dresses.

The women have well-molded Aurbs. every color, from manogany to the white and pink complexion of the fairest Anglo-Saxon. The dress of a Paraguayan woman, says Knight's "Cruise of the Falcon," consists merely of a snow-white tunic, coming down to the knees, and a white shawl. These women are bare-footed. They stalk through the streets with a soft, supple, pantherlike tread that is most beautiful, for they do not indulge in high-heeled boots and stays, but step out as Eve herself might have done, quite unimpeded by their simple dress, which is nerely a short tume tied round at the waitt and adorned with the pretty native face. These tunics have short sleeves and very low neeks, and reveal the statuesque shoulders and breasts rather more than would be considered delicate in Europe.

This mild race lives principally on

oranges, pumpkins, cassava and other fruits and vegetables, being almost vegetarians. Many are the virtues of these poor, brave Paraguayans; they are hospitable, kindly honest, and, though marriage is looked upon as an unnecessary prelude to two young people starting horsekeeping together they are remarkably constant in their attachments. The Paraguayan girls are like Byron's savage heroines-fathful unto death, soft as doves, but ready to give up their lives for their mates. What I particularly remarked areat's lovial gay nature of this amjable and innocent race.

#### WOMAN COMES LAST. How the Arab Regards His Wives and

Daughters. An Arab-meaning a tent-dweller, in an equine sense, the town-dweller is no Arab-loves first and above all his horse. No one need to regite the ofting affection he will lavish upon bim.

he loves his firearm. This, poeticalring, ought to be a six-foot, goldmuzzle-londing horror of a k. which would kick any man (bilaton his back at every shot) ly, in Algeria or Tunis, when a city. It is more apt to be "He' breech-londer. You baunts of men t to his gun

comes his mean the e to count along and ne of them. less thing: etty, amiabe, for no es to cast his

This disre-

one Bedouins grabian deserts. reigners' Ideas of America asgnitude of this country is not ely appreciated by a great perof Europeans. Especially has en true in the past. An English I a few years ago described the a of the Roekies as seen from New "I met a German Brussels," a sequaintance of the writer, learned that I was an Ameriall on account of a friend he e United States, iDo you 19" he asked, 'his name is ulter.' The name is not as s John Smith, and I did know Walter. Where does your Pasked. 'In Pittsburgh, The Walter chanced to be

But what a remarkable oc-Cant German must have revery insular ideas of the in wait for the culprit with a shotgun, and presently there appeared, not a cat, but a small black-and-tan dog, it as about the size of Staten r possibly. Hohenzollern. bortening Sall on Land. off with it, right before the eyes of the

her been to sea," said Mr. and so l've never seen 'em I in a storm at seas but I s pretty good :dea of for I live in a list and propie take in their washwhere a shower came

#### A DUCK HUNTER'S RESORT. The Odd Business Methods of a Scuthern

Duck night at Ewell's store, down on

the Virginia coast near the North Carolina line, is locally famous in the duck-

ing season as the special night in the

week when the storekeeper is at home

to the duck hunters of the region. Ewell, says the New Volk Son, buys

lucks of the hunters, paying for the

ame in proofs from his store, and ship-

ping his putchases to an up-coast life

was to the markets of Baltimore.

Philicalelphia and New York. As Ewell

waits behind his counter with a lantern,

the duckers, rude-looking fellows of

the beach-combet type drop in one by

one and sit around in the gloom. Ewell

hangs the game in a cold room at the

rear of the store and credits each

ducker with the agreed value of his

ducks. As each transaction is made the

ducker recalls something that he needs

from the merchant's stock, and when

he has received the article the price is

debited against his credit. The ducker

then relapses to the nearest barrel or

box and waits until some other needed

then makes the new demand upon the

merchant, has a new debit placed

aguinst his eredit, and again sinks back

into the gloom. After fullly two hours

of this sort of thing, those who wish

the balance of their credit paid in cash

receive their dries, and everybody cau-

tiously repairs to a hollow tree hard by,

where moonshiners from over the North

Carolina line are waiting with a fiery

COWBOY APPRENTICESHIP.

Mental Anguish

fever had any idea of the apprentice-

ship they are likely to serve before

cattle from straying over it. Several

myself. All the glory and adverture

we read of in books is adsent, and the

distance in about two days, and did

nothing else but ride up and down the

line watching for the stray cattle,

herding is said to be the most terribly

monotonous work a man can be put to,

who have not an anute recollection of

the sufferings they endured when do-

each of them is looking forward to ob-

taining a new job with almost the

HOLLAND'S TRAMPS.

of our large cities forces to the front

more successfully in Holland than in

world. In most other countries these

people are herded together in vast

scatter them as widely as possible and to

make nil who are able to do it carn

The state has a tract of land contain-

ing about five thousand acres divided

into six farms, and every person apply-

serves until he has guined some idea of

agriculture he is allowed to rent a

small farm for himself and to be what

is called a "free farmer." This is a

very practical method of dealing with

NOT AMBITIOUS WOMEN.

Italian Dames Do Little Outside the Home

Circle.

The Italian woman has not yet taken

her true working place in society. She is generally handsome, rarely bad in

the strictest sense of the word, though

by no means a very strict moralist. At

home she rules; outside she exerts no

influence whatever. The political wom-

an is as yet unknown. A few literary

women exist, but among them are only

one or two who rise above the average.

The Italian woman is nearly always a

good mother, even when a bad wife she

follows impulses rather than reason in

her actions, and this to a greater de

gree than her sisters in any other Eu-

During the national uprising she was

hopeful, but she remained humble and

never became ambitious. Mmc. Ratazzi,

who tried to meddle in politics, had to

desist. Outside the domestic circle the

Italian woman does not work, except in

the lower classes, and then she uses

rather her physical than her intellectual

strength. The business weman, like in

France, is not met with except in Pied-

mont and Milan. The state has not

been able to find woman other official

A Decided Convenience.

announcing on a card in his window

A Canine Chicken Thief.

and made up his mind that his neigh-

bor's big cat was the thief. So he lay

which seized a little enicken and ran

owner, who was so astonished that he

forgot to shoot. When he recovered his senses, he chased the dog and

traced it to a house five blocks away.

A man in Scranton, Pa., missed three

can have a fit in this store!"

ropean country.

especially adapted to this country.

their own living.

question of pauperism. What shall

his sentence has nearly expired.

which never strayed my way.

litude is tarrible. I could cover my

of the ducker is made glad.

article shall occur to his mind.

Oh, now and then there comes a day When all our slees are bright, And all of life's appointed way
Is bathed in guiden light:
When roses hide no thoras beneath; When love has no alloy

And perhara full of perfume breathe From was the hills of joy.

NOW AND THEN.

The present is a faceting thing-The past will live for aye. And all its store of treasures bring Porever and a day.

And softer shall the echoes come From time's recoding shore:

Fuch day will glean a pleasure from The days that are no more. Oh, memories of such, awaket And giad the weary new:
A wreath of recollection make
To crown the decame! a brow.

Oh, silent voice and vanished hand, Brine black the golden sheaves! The ripple of the waters and The laughter of the leaves.
-Nizen Waterman, in Chicago Journal

#### A JEALOUS WIFE.

Why She Never Doubts Her Husband's Leve.

"I wouldn't marry her, if I were

That was the gist of his friend's counsel, spoken or implied. They all admitted her graces of person, heart and mind. But the undeniable fact of her jealousy remained.

"A joulous woman," his aunt assured him, "can make any man miserable." "A jealous wife," declared his nearest friend, will make you wish you had taken my advice, which is that the

article of antaxed liquor, and the heart immortal Weller gave to his sen. 'Don't marry a vidder,' he said. 'Go hang yourself first, an' you'll be glad on it erterward! I am presumptuous A Calling That Is Fraught with Much enough to paraghrase that: 'Go hang yourself before you marry a jealous "If young men who have the cowboy woman, and you'll be glad on it arter-

But Harold Groves had only laughed. becoming full-fledged cowboys, most of When was a man or a woman in love them would be cared without the exever apt to listen to anything so disapense of a trip a thousand miles west," greeable as common sense? And he says Ellas Miller, of Hutchinson, Kan., was in love, honestly, sincerely and to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat repassionately. So he married Norine cently. "It is bearly twenty years Hale, and was most ridiculously hapsince I had the fever and went out to py for two years. Their life together be eurod. My first work was watching wes simply ideal. His few faults he the line between Wyoming and Dacorrected. If faults she had, they rekota. Line or fence watching is an asmained undiscovered by him. One day signment frequently given to a newhe summoned courage to tell her the comes and the duties consist in riding remarks that had been made concernup and down the line and preventing ing her jealous disposition.

She looked up at him with grave, men have lost their reason in this shining eyes. work, and I came very near doing so "I do love loyaity," she repried six:

> And it may be he would never have liscovered at all that Norine was jeal-

maif it were not for the burglary. Harold Groves was a lawyer. He transacted much of his business at home, and had in his study a large desk, in which he kept papers of un portance, deeds and memoranda rebut there are few cowboys in the west lating to the affairs of his ellents. The desk looked sadly untidy, and, in the opinion of Norine, was a decided blot ng such work as I describe. There are in the exquisitely neat little room. sundreds of men doing it to-day, but where some of their pleasantest hours were spent.

"Harold," she said to him one evenengerness of a convict who knows that ing, as she leaned over his chair, and smoothed back his dark locks caresaingly with her pretty white fingers. "I really shall tidy up that desk one of these days. The litter of dusty papers, Instead of Herding Them Together the books and pipes is postively disgrace-The growth of the tramp industry in

He gave her a glance of alarm. know now where to put my hand on everything I want-don't! But the fear that she might do so in-

country do with those who want duced him to lock his desk, and keep work and cannot get it, and with locked thereafter. Norine notices those who might get it and won't do it and laughed. it? These questions seem to be handled "At least you have shut the disorder out of sight," she avowed, gayly. "My any other country of the civilized

threat was efficacious to that extent, Indeed, dear, how you can ever tell one of those tiresome documents of yours from another, is a mystery to kitchens, but the Holland iden is to A certain blue, starlit March night they went upstairs, leaving the cosy

apartment in dainty order. Imring the night Norine was awakened by what sounded like a click. She sat bolt uprig.t in bed.
"Hark!" she breathed. "Listen,

ing for relief is sent to one of these. If he be willing to work and voluntarily Both listened intently.

"It is a very cold night," he said, at length. "You merely heard the frost cracking on the window pane. Go to

the vexed problem, and one that is Reassured, she did as bidden, but, on being aroused early by the servant's cry of dismay, she hastened down to find the lower rooms in a state of extreme confusion. Drawers had been pulled out, the desis of the master forced open, and papers were seattered broadeast in an evident search for valuables.

"My ruby ring!" cried Mrs. Groves. 'I left it on the mantel last night. And my watch was in the Chinese cabinet -where I put my pocketbook. Send for the police, Harold! They have all

"I shall go." cried Groves.

And he started off on a run. For several minutes Norine stood staring around in bewilderment. Then, mechanically, she began to arrange the disordered apartment. She picked up the pieces of a shattered vase, threw them in the grate, straightened a twisted drapery, lifted so.ne scattered sheets of paper, laid them on the leaf of her husband's forced deak, and sud denly retreated a step, turning very white. Open before her, having evidently been wrenched wide, in the hope of finding money, was a square morocco box. In the box was a bundle of letters, and a photograph. The letters were in a woman's hand, and the smiling, pictured face, was that of Norine's dearest friend.

employment than that of school-She held tight to a chair-back, to keep from falling Her temples throbbed. A hot flush drove the pul-People walking about in a great city, lor from her cheeks. The buzz in her temporarily ill, have often felt the ears was deafening. She put out her hand, took up one of the fetters, read need of a place where they could step in until refreshed. A shoemaker has it through. It was just such a love hade a move in the right direction by letter as any refined, affectionate girl might have written. It began "My Any respectable man, woman or child Decreat," and ended "Your loving Annie." It bore the date of the year previous to Norine's marriage. She took up another folded sheet, opened, or four of his black Hamburg pullets, glanced through it. A brief, sad little

> 'My dear," it run, "fate has been hard to us keep on believing in each other, and hopin for unimate implices tegether. It shall sure-ty come. Your devolate. Assur." Harl: There were footsteps—voices!

The young wife hastily replaced the letters, drew back from the desk. The pext lustant Harold, accompanied by policemen and detectives, was in the The family begged him not to kill the children's pet, and ransomed the dog by paying for all the chickens that had this bas given you! You are white as

THE OF PERSON

She thrust his gentle hand away. "I am very well," she said.

And all the time she was going over and over in her mind the details of her husband's acquaintance with Annie Hubbard, fie had known her from childhood-long before he met Norine. She recollected his telling her they had gone to dancing school together; but she had never dreamed that he was in love with Annie, or she with him. Now she knew that it was so since he treasured her letters, her picture. She understood why he had ocked his desk. He had married her for her money -loving Annie Hubbard all the time. That fact was patent

and plain. All day long she went around like & woman in a dream. She was very pale, and her lips were rigidly set. Her changed appearance and demeanor her husband attributed to the fright she had had. And the whole time one terrible thought was beating itself in upon her brain. "You love them both. You stand in their sunshine. Move out

Toward evening she left the house, valked to a drug store, entered, asked for a certain powder, at once caressing and deadly

The clerk looked at her curiously she fancied, as he gave her the package and her change. She went home. Harold was out. She sat down and wrote him a few

"You accused me of being jealous." she wrote. "I don't think I was I know I am. I have read Annie's letters to you. If I had dreamed before I married you that you cared for ouch other. I would have done then what I a about to do now.

It seemed a long time before the irig took effect, but at last she felt the desired sense of unconsciousness creeping upon her.

It was almost eleven o'clock when Harold, who had been on a wild goose chase after the burglars, reached his wn door. A voice out of the shadows poke to him. "Mr. Groves, I've been waiting for

ou. I'm Jim Dinand." Oh, yes-of course. Wait, and Pll get this door open.

"No-I only wish to speak to you a noment. You did me a good turn last year, when I was miles deep in that wanit, and couldn't pay you. I think 've done you one now. Your wife ame into my drug store to night. She idn't know me, but I knew her. She sked for morphine-an amount that would be a fatal dose. She looked wild and strange. I gave her a harreess sedative powder. I may have been juben in regard to her evident inbection, but I don't think as "

He let himself in, went quietly upstairs, noiselessly entered the room-

Norine lay asleep; the mate size had written was on a small table beside he beds. He took up the sheet-read as few calar desperate words. Then dropped the note on the floor beween the table and the bed. It was late next morning when Norine lifted her heavy eyelids.

familiar voice, "I'm tired waiting breakfast for you. I never knew you o steep so late. I hear they've snught nr introders. I hope so-although buy didn't get very much. I suppose hoy thought they had a great find en they broke open the locked box which Dave Harding gave me to keep for him, when his folks broke up the Hubbard, and sent him out west. However. In a letter I got from him only this morning, he writes me that the course of true love is running smooth ly agein, and that he is coming back to marry Annie next month. Make haste, dear. The chops will be like leather.

He left the room. She looked wildly around for her note, picked it up. "The draught from the window must

have blown it off the table. Was ever anything so fortunate? But how did that young druggist suppen to make such a midake? Oh! I have been wicked-wicked! Forgins and dear God, my jealousy, my rash uttempt, both durk sins! I will never again doubt your love, nor his!" And, in the sweet humility of her

Imppiness, she never did. - Ka in Cleary, in N. Y. Weekly.

### He Didn't Get It.

When the tramp banged away at the kitchen door be thought of course a woman would open it, and he was ready for her. His spirit underwent a change, however, when the door jects, farewell!" opened and a strapping big man ap-

"What are you doing here?" asked the man, without any preliminary po-"Nothing," replied the tramp,

"What's that under your coat?"

"What do you mean by banging on the door that way?"

"Nothing

"What do you want?" ·Nothing.

"Well, you don't get it," exclaimed

the big man merrily, and he gave the tramp a booting that lifted him out to the gate in two jumps. - Detroit Free A CENTER-SHOT

## The Clever Retort of an English Physician

to an Impertment Clerk. English newspapers, in the days when advertisements were heavily taxed, published the titles of books reviewed in their columns, but never the prices, because the excise office held that an annexed price was an advertisement, and, as such, taxable. The custom continued for a long time after the tax on advertisements had been re-

The Loudon newspapers also made a distinction between a simple notice of a death, for which they charged five shillings, and a brief obituary, for which they demanded seven and six-

One day Dr. Thomas Hume, a grave, attrical London doctor, called at the thee of r morning journal and silently placed upon the counter the announce ment of the death of a friend, together with five shillings. The clerk glanced at the paper, tossed it one side and said, graffly: "Seven and six!" "I have frequently," answered Hume,

"had occasion to publish these simple notices, and I have never before been charged more than five shillings.

"Simple!" repeated the clerk with-out looking up. "There's an added line, universally beloved and deeply regretted!' isn't there? Seven and six. Hame produced the additional half crown and laid it deliberately by the others, observing, in his most solemn tone: "Congratulate yourself, sir, that this is an expense which your ex-centors will move be put to."

## QUEENS OF HAWAII.

PLAYED PROMINENT PARTS IN THE ISLAND KINGDOM.

Queen Kanhumanu Established "Woman's Rights"-Royal Processions, In One of Which a Dowager Wore Sev-

enty-two Yards of Cashmere. When the missionaries arrived at Hawaii, March 30, 1820, the condition of woman was that of a slave. She could not est cocoanuts, bananas, oranges of fish, and one of the curious tabus, or interdictions, forbade her cating any kind of food with men.

Queen Kaahumanu sent for the nev king, Liholiho, who was engaged in a cance, and urged him to throw down the idols in the beniaus, or temples, and to clinch the matter by eating in public with a group of women who were feasting by themselves at a little distance from the royal abode. Staggering over to them, Liholiho, who was a very different character from his famous father, sat down and publicly ate some of their food. The cry went up, "The tabu is

The torch was applied to the idols, and woman's emancipation began. Queen Kaahumanu was a huge, heavy mortal, and like all the chiefs she was proud and cruel. At first she treated the missionaries with disdain, offering only the tip of her little finger in salutation, but she became a zealous convert and remained to the time of her death, in 1832, at the age of 58, a firm and conscientious Chris tian, beloved by those who intimately knew her and universally respected for her abilities. She had ruled as consort of the great conqueror, as joint sovereign with his son, Liboliho, and as regent during the minority of Kauikeouli.

Kamanialu, the queen of pleasure loving Liboliho, was foud of display. On a state occasion in 1823 she was carried in procession, seated in a whaleboat on a frame of wickerwork borne on the shoulders of 70 men.

The boat and platform, 20 feet long by 12 feet wide, were covered with costly broadcloth relieved by beautiful colored tapas (native bark cloth). The queen's dress was a searlet silk mantle and a feather coronet. An immense Chines umbrella, richly gilded and decorated with tassels and fringes of the same gaudy color, supported by a chief wearing a helmet, screened her from the sun,

Chiefs held aloft kahilis, or royal staffs, 89 feet high, the handles surrounded by alternate ivory and tortoise "My God" murmured Grovis shell rings, beautifully wrought and Thank you. Jim." he said then. highly polished, the upper part being arhighly polished, the upper part being arranged so as to form a column or plume of scarlet feathers of 14 feet in diameter and from 12 to 14 feet long. A more magnificent insignta of rank, conveying at once the ideas of grandeur, state and beauty, as they towered and gracefully nodded above the multitude, was never devised by barbatians.

Another royal lady, Kinau, who afterward shared authority with Kamehame "Well, you lazy girlf" cried a deat, ha HI (Kanikeoulf), her title being Kanhumanu II, appeared in a scarlet pan, a long piece of silk wound round the body and limbs, with two long streamers. The part is a very graceful costume, especially when worn by a wahine (native woman) on horseback, with the gayly colored streamers affoat in the wind. The The Leading Paper of two dowager queens appeared in this being orange and the other half scarlet. This was wrapped about her figure till her arms were supported by the mass in a herizontal position, while the remainder, forming an extensive train, was supported by a retinue selected for that pur

The richness and variety of the dresses and colors, and the exhibition of the wealth and power of the chiefs, their hereditary symbols of rank, the stately kahilis, splendid cleaks and helmets, and neckiness of feathers, intermineded with the brilliant bues and deep green of the flowers and wreaths from their native forests, rendered the spectacle at once unique and attractive. Groups of singers and dancers, to the number of many hundred, ever and anon met the procession, enthusiastically shouting their adplation in the willing ears of the chiefs.

Queen Karamalu and Libeliho made voyage to London in 1823. Before the ship weighed anchor at Honolulu the A Paper for the Miner! queen chanted a farewell: "O heaven! O earth! O mountains!

O sea! O my counselors and my sub-The royal travelers created a sense-

tion in London. Queen Kamarmain ex-hibited herself in loose trousers and a long bed gown of colored velveteen, but Parisian modistes soon clothed the ladies in all the gear of fashion. Corsets for the first time encircled their ample waists, and the London ladies, in their, rage for the new lions, sought patterns of the turban that graced the brow of the

But, alas, the royal pair caught the measles and died in London, poor children of nature that they were, far from the palm groves and booky bowers of their native isles! The bodies, in lead coffins framed in wood and covered with crimson velvet, were sent to Honolulu in the frigate Blonde in charge of Lord Byron, a cousin of the poet.-Godey's Magazine.

Took the Train. Employer-You are late again. Didn't tell you to take the train because it would bring you much faster than you could walk the distance?

Boy-Yes, sir, and I did.

Employer-Then how do you explain Boy-I had to loaf around the station for half an hour waiting for the train, which was away behind time.-Philadelphia Times.

His Wish. A wicked story is told about two partpers who respected each other's busines ability, but who bated each cordially. To one of them came a fairy saying that he could have any boon he desired, and whatever he had his partner should have in double portion. Naturally his first wish was for a barrel of money. "All right," said the fairy, "but your partner will get two barrels on that wish." "Stop a little," said the first. "Perhaps you'd better not give me a barrel of money. I'd rather you would make me totally blind in one eye."-New Orleans

Times-Democrat.

Public Library Official (tearing up card)-What chump let you have a book on that card? It expired a month ago. Nearsighted Party-He was a sour looking, light complexioned young squirt with curly hair and-why, it was you!-Chicago Tribune.

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